

“Understanding the servant heart of God”
John 13:1-17

Principle: God calls us to serve, but to serve in the little things as well.

Bible “one anothers”:

“Love one another,” (John 13:34, 35)
“Mutually depend on one another,” (Romans 12:5)
“Be devoted to one another,” (Romans 12:10)
“Outdo one another in showing honor,” (Romans 12:10)
“Rejoice with one another,” (Romans 12:15)
“Weep with one another” (Romans 12:15)
“Have the same mind toward one another,” (Romans 12:16)
“Don’t judge one another” (Romans 14:13)
“Accept one another,” (Romans 15:7)
“Counsel one another,” (Romans 15:14)
“Greet one another,” (Romans 16:16)
“Wait for one another,” (1 Corinthians 11:33)
“Care for one another,” (1 Corinthians 12:25)
“Serve one another,” (Galatians 5:13)
“Bear one anothers burdens,” (Galatians 6:2)
“Be kind to one another,” (Ephesians 4:32)
“Forgive one another,” (Ephesians 4:32)
“Submit to one another,” (Ephesians 5:21)
“Forebear with one another,” (Colossians 3:13)
“Encourage one another,” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
“Build up one another,” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
“Stir up one another,” (Hebrews 10:24)
“Be hospitable to one another,” (1 Peter 4:9)
“Minister gifts to one another,” (1 Peter 4:10)
“Be clothed in humility to one another,” (1 Peter 5:5)
“Don’t speak evil against one another,” (James 4:11)
“Don’t grumble against one another,” (James 5:9)
“Confess your faults to one another,” (James 5:16)
“Pray for one another,” (James 5:16)
“Fellowship with one another,” (1 John 1:7)

“A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.” Luke 22:24-27

Principles from this passage:

1. God is omniscient and omnipotent.
2. God reveals himself through service.

Principle: What do you do with a God who is more humble than you?

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as man he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on the cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:3-11

7 demotions:

- Christ did not hold on to his equality with God.
- He made himself nothing
- He became man (demotions 3,4,5)
- He became obedient to death
- He accepted death on a cross

3. We are never more like God than when we serve.

Principle: He who is greatest will become least and he who is least will be greatest of all.

Principle: Healing comes through serving.

4. Serving helps us to understand God.

“Because of God’s great mercy to us offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service.” Romans 12:1